

Lt Col Gronich

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Col Lovell

In conversation with Captain Pearce of the Navy today he stated to me that all air documents are going directly from JICPOA to MIRS at Ritchie. Is that correct? I want to check on this and find out as soon as possible if we are getting any air documents from JICPOA direct.

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I called off the conference with the Navy at this time. After thinking over the matter - this will conflict with an invitation which General Bissell has written to the Navy, and they may interpret it as a means of influencing their decision on a lower level. I don't want to hold such a conference-particularly not without the knowledge of General Bissell. Also, I think it's politic that we have something to offer them before we hold the conference. They've already smacked us on the chin, and they're not going to reconsider anything until we have something to offer. Talk this over with me.

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I want you to make arrangements to take care of this Colonel that Colonel "trecker has here.

"Colonel Sauve who is the G-2 of SOS in SW Pacific is here for a few days and would like to call on the Commandant at Camp Ritchie - probably Thursday or Friday of this week. "

Gronnie, you make the necessary arrangements and let me know by teletype - make it for Thursday or Friday.

JRL